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Production of pharmaceuticals will increase fivefold over 1940. It is planned that the domestic demand for medicines, including penicillin, will be entirely satisfied.

The rubber industry will be expanded to keep pace with the automotive progress made by the country.

For the chemical industry as a whole, 18 new plants will be opened, six of which will be very large. One large plant will produce sulfuric acid, another soda, and two combines will produce synthetic products. The plants now in existence will be expanded and modernized on a huge scale. Research work will also be expanded and intensified. Labor efficiency should increase nearly 60 percent.

In conjunction with the increase in production, employment will increase almost twofold during the Six-Year Plan.

In industrial schools and colleges, nearly 7,000 chemists will be taught each year.

SODA PLANT ON 24-HOUR SCHEDULE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 225, 17 Aug 49

The largest Polish soda plant, in Matwy, Bydgoszcz Wojewodztwo, is working on a 24-hour basis. Production includes unrefined (heavy) soda, crystalline soda, caustic soda, sodium bicarbonate, bleaching soda, and calcium chloride. Chalk of superior quality is produced in separate buildings.

Production is rapidly progressing, and investments have reached several hundred million zlotys. Swamps which surrounded the buildings have been drained and the terrain used for a railroad track. A bridge over the Poznan highway supports a large steam pipe line as well as the electric cable system.

Before the war 180 tons were produced here daily. At present the output is about 360 tons daily, despite serious damage suffered by the plant during the war. The output is expected to reach 400 tons a day before the end of the year.

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